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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Lal et al.

Title: MEMBRANE ASSOCIATED PROTEINS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 94-129 without prejudice.

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are listed below. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

1. An isolated polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:
  - a) a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:26,
  - b) a polypeptide comprising a naturally occurring amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:26,
  - c) a biologically active fragment of a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:26, and
  - d) an immunogenic fragment of a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:26.